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DHS-FEMA-GPD
Attn: Brian Kamoie
Assistant Administrator
400 C Street SW, 3N
Washington, DC 20472
Re: EMW-2017-FH-00383

Dear Administrator Kamoie:

I am writing to you to bring to your attention the Londonderry Fire Department (LFD) application for \$718,166 from the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program.

LFD is requesting funds to hire three additional full-time firefighters. LFD reports that they had a 27% increase in call volume and received a record 3,818 calls in 2017. Additionally, LFD states that Londonderry has expanded its industrial footprint by 50% since 2013. This expansion led to 28 building fires in 2017, a 211% increase over 2013. This increase in development has highlighted the fact that current staffing at LFD does not meet NFPA 1710 standards.

LFD reports that they are currently never able to meet the NFPA 1710 standard. This staffing shortage can put both the firefighters and the civilians they protect in danger. This grant would allow LFD to meet NFPA standards at least 80% of the time.

Londonderry is also home to nationally significant critical infrastructure, including the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, which serves over 2 million passengers and 170 million pounds of freight annually. Three quarters of the airport is in Londonderry; including the terminal, control tower, fuel tank farm and many of the hangars. According to the LFD, the addition of this grant would allow them to add a tanker to all airport responses. Furthermore, LFD reports that Londonderry includes a 745mW power plant and a F.W. Webb distribution center which is the 2nd largest building in New England (by area). LFD states that this grant would allow them to effect rescues to these facilities without needing to wait for mutual aid partners.

I wish to thank you in advance for your full and fair consideration of LFD's application for \$718,166 from the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant.

Sincerely,

Carol Shea-Porter
Member of Congress